

The following special message was received from the Governor by the hands of his Private Secretary :

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, {
Austin, Oct. 18, 1871. }

Hon. WM. H. SINCLAIR,

Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR : I return to the House, where it originated, the act entitled "An act to provide for payment of sheriffs in conveying prisoners to the State penitentiary."

This act seems clearly to be in conflict with the provision of the latter part of section six, article twelve, of the Constitution of 1845, and the financial history of the Republic of Texas shows that similar legislation of that period had been productive of so much evil that it was thought necessary, by constitutional enactment, to forbid it in the future.

This act is, further, liable to the objections set forth in my message to the Senate of this date, returning for reconsideration the act entitled "An act to regulate in part the receipt and disbursement of public money," and I ask the consideration by the House of those objections.

Herein I have also to suggest that there can be no pretense of immediate necessity for such legislation in this case, because the lessees of the penitentiary are required by their contract to pay these sheriffs costs to the extent of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per annum. That amount for the present year is not yet exhausted, and before it is, I have reason to hope the Treasury will be able to meet its engagements in cash.

Respectfully,

EDMUND J. DAVIS, Governor.

Laid over under the rules.